

BERSAGLIERI #40

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***If you play out a standby position, you get three free issues...

Well, the holiday season is upon us once more. I'd just like to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and stabful New Year.

***Deadlines -- Due to the holiday season, the next dealine for all games and the bourse is Wed., January 2nd.

Mare Nostro--Spring '01 deadline is Wed., Nov. 28th
Fall '01 deadline will be Wed., Jan. 2nd

Inside you'll find some interesting tidbits including the Peel Pool, DipCon XVIII information, and unfortunately, some more Linsey items.....

Well, the election is over and Ronny won again. --No big surprise. What is a surprise is the Congressional race in the 7th Congressional District which is where I live. It's 2 weeks after the election and they still don't know who won for sure. They're taking an entire recount since various figures have the two candidates apart by from 830 votes to 92 votes.....



Tom Swider, left,
lost his bid
for the presidency
but he's not
giving up.

"I got a date
with '88!",
he says.

November 1, 1984

Dear Fellow Postal Diplomacy Enthusiast:

It was recently announced that Randolph Smyth, Custodian of the North American Zine and Gamemaster Polls (aka the "Runestone" Poll) has transferred his custodianship of this eight year hobby institution to Bruce Linsey, former publisher of the now folded Voice of Doom. It is my strongest belief that Randolph has unwittingly perpetuated a gross injustice and breach of faith upon our hobby by not opening up the process to the general hobby of choosing a successor. I do not believe that Bruce will be either a capable or effective custodian of the polls. My desire with this letter is to make this clearly unacceptable situation known to as many people as possible and to draw support for a new Custodian to run the polls.

There are two major reasons why Bruce is not suited to be the custodian of the Leeder Poll. The first relates to his personal qualities and the second to his reputation in the hobby and the effect that will have on the success of the poll. A failing in either instance should be grounds enough for disqualification as an effective custodian, and in this case he clearly fails both tests.

First a word about Randolph's transfer to Bruce. I am not faulting or blaming Randolph for his decision to let Bruce run it. He was obviously unaware of the storm of protest this would cause in the hobby. This is not surprising that he should be so unaware. The Runestone Poll was first started by John Leeder, a Canadian, and was excellently run for several years by him. Last year it was transferred to Randolph Smyth and he ran it for one year. I think it is safe to say that Canadian players and publishers are a little isolated and out of touch with the American part of the North American diplomacy hobby and this has not necessarily been a shortcoming. This insulation from the general mainstream added to the legitimacy of the Polls by providing a neutral eddy in which to conduct it. But that same insulation prevented Randolph from knowing enough about current events and enabled Bruce to portray himself in a slanted light to Randolph. It wasn't his fault, but we are left with a serious problem nonetheless.

For he chose an individual who has had some serious charges leveled against him and they are not being answered directly. Many of you are aware of the charges being thrown about. Most of my information, like yours, is second hand. But I do know one charge that is true myself where Bruce has lied to coverup a crime he did. He has in the past said he didn't charge long distance phone calls to other people without them knowing about it. I asked him on the phone last month if it was true. He said, to me, yes, he did charge a number of calls to a business phone number his brother provided him with. He was caught by the phone company and forced to pay for the calls. He says he won't do it again. Uh huh. If he's recanted to me on this point, how long until the other charges are substantiated?

This may not be proof enough for you or a serious enough crime to cause you to feel he shouldn't run the Runestone Poll. Fine, I don't feel I'm going to change anyone's minds with this letter. But the second reason he isn't suited, his reputation, is a serious enough impediment in itself. I would like to point out that irregardless of whether these charges are true or not there are a large number of people, myself included, who *are not going to send ballots to Bruce Linsey* and will thus effectively boycott the Runestone Poll even though that is not what we want to do as it is a worthwhile and entertaining activity. But I will not send him a ballot or plug it one bit.

What I am proposing is that we find someone who would like to run the Runestone Poll and

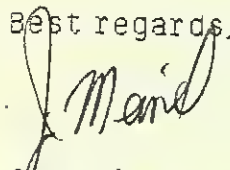
offer him/her our support. (I'll volunteer if no one else does but I'd rather not) All of the people who would not vote with Bruce Linsey running it could vote here. We wouldn't call it a "counter" Runestone Poll, or a "second" poll or even the "real" poll. Just the Runestone Poll. Plug it as normal, only this one with a legitimate Custodian with his address.

This sort of this is not without precedent in the hobby's history. Several years ago Rod Walker believed, for one reason or another, that the hobby would be better off with two Game Openings Announcements services. So he started his own and now we have two. And we probably are better off with two. The same is true here - as it stands, we could lose up to fifty percent of the participation in the Poll if there was only one Custodian. Why not have two and get everyone to vote?

I would like to hear your comments and (hopefully) your support for this project. The Runestone Poll really belongs to all of the hobby members, to be assumed and conducted with the approval of us. A unilateral and uninformed transfer to a person who cannot possibly run the Poll in an effective manner is not a legitimate transfer. I intend to enlist whatever support I can to find someone else run the Runestone Poll and return it to a respected and well participated poll of the hobby's zines and gamemasters.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,


Jim Meinel
Publisher and postal player
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Anchorage, Alaska 99510

((Any comments on this subject are encouraged. I agree that Bruce Linsey should not be the person to run the Runestone Pole. Even though I don't like poles and I don't vote in them, having Linsey run the most well-known pole in the hobby is ludicrous. In my opinion, he would not be non-partial due to his own personality and views. Another factor to consider are his "friends" in the hobby namely Berch, Davis, and others who have been known to "influence" other kinds of hobby institutions. Their reputation preceeds them and so does Bruce's.

We should let someone who has no interest in feuds, controversy, or unethical practices in general to run the Pole. Bruce has proved by his actions, his many actions, that he cannot be trusted to accurately record and produce the results of the Pole.

I disagree with Jim's suggestion to have two poles because that would just add to the ever increasing number of poles, counts, etc. of Dip zines, players, GMs, etc. As an answer to this problem, I say we scrap all existing poles and just let the publishers publish and the players play. Poles serve no useful purpose. They do not help players in any way. They do not help GMs in any way. They do not produce any pertinent information for the growth or betterment of the hobby. So my battlecry is:

SCRAP LINSEY & SCRAP the POLES!!!

*This is for print, in reply to Kathy's charges that
you printed.*

The Ethical Bruce Linsey Responds

"It's My Hobby Too!"

Recently a letter about me was circulated by Kathy Byrne and published in several of the hobby's zines. For those of you who may not have seen this letter (it was titled "The Ethical Bruce Linsey"), it contained a number of serious charges against me. I am accused of writing a "sick letter" to Kathy's 12-year-old daughter. I am accused of calling Bob Arnett (who used to publish a zine called Volkerwanderung) dishonest, and then refusing to provide any details. I am accused of filing a formal complaint with the State Troopers against Jack Masters (who used to publish a zine called Black Frog). I am accused of going after Bill Highfield's career, and for very unflattering reasons at that. I am charged with driving Kathy from her position as BNC, and of attempting to get her in trouble by charging my phone calls so that her employer was stuck with the bill. Some of these, especially the "sick letter" and the business about the phone calls, are quite serious charges. I'm not sure why Kathy is saying all these things about me, but I do feel that I need to answer the charges. They are, in a word, false. I'll cover them one by one. I am asking that those publishers who printed Kathy's letter print this statement as my reply.

Kathy claims that I wrote a "sick letter" to her daughter, and other people have been publicly repeating this claim. Bob Olsen, writing in North Sealath West George, talks of the "smutty hate letters" I send to children, and in a circular letter of his own on the topic, Tom Hurst calls it "vulgar, obscene filth." So this is clearly an extremely serious charge, and if true, I should be railroaded out of the hobby forthwith. But is the accusation true? Absolutely not. I have never sent any such letter to Francine Byrne or any other child. But don't take my word for it -- after all, Kathy says that she can prove this, and "that proof is available to anyone." Want to bet? Mark Berch has written to Kathy three times, asking for the proof, and she has totally ignored him. (Documentation of this appears in Diplomacy Digest #84, pp 10-11, and Voice of Doom #100, p. 95.) If the charge were true, it would be easily proven because Kathy could produce a copy of the letter. She hasn't and won't -- the letter never existed. I ask that before anyone condemns me for this, please write to Kathy and ask for the proof she has offered, and see what you get.

I might add that even some of Kathy's best friends do not believe this charge. Do the names Joan Extrom, Eric Kane, and Gary Coughlan mean anything to you? All three are well-known and highly regarded throughout the hobby, of course, but the point is that all three are close mutual friends of both Kathy and me. And none of them believes that I would, or did, write a nasty letter to a child -- especially in light of Kathy's inability to prove it. And yes, I have the permission of all three to say that. Brother, you can bet that the nasty letter to Francine is a charge that Kathy is wishing right about now she had never invented.

The next accusation is that I called Bob Arnett dishonest and refused to provide details. The fact of the matter is that I spent over six pages in Voice of Doom (#45, pp 2-8) outlining why I considered Bob Arnett dishonest. Now some people agreed with that assessment and others disagreed, but let's not try to alter history. I did provide the details, and Kathy Byrne and John Caruso did receive that issue. And incidentally, I wonder if Kathy Byrne is defending the same Bob Arnett that I remember. The Bob Arnett that I knew folded very messily, orphaning his games and keeping the gamcfees, when he left the hobby.

Now we get to Jack Masters and my "formal complaint" to the State Troopers against him. I did nothing of the sort. The details of my dispute with Masters have been printed in Voice of Doom (#100, pp 252-253), and I did not file a complaint with the police. Terry Tallman has embellished this charge still further, saying that the FBI actually contacted Masters' employer. Baloney. Neither the FBI nor Masters' employer was involved in any way. As a side note, those of you who remember the last few issues of Black Frog will recall that Masters went absolutely off the deep end and attacked a number of people. Among the attacks were some extremely vile statements about Kathy Byrne's sex life, statements that would sicken any decent person. And yet now, three years later, Kathy refers to "the truth that Masters is printing about him (me)". How

would she like it, I wonder, if I were to claim that Masters' statements about her were "the truth"? How quickly Kathy seems to have forgotten...

The case of Bill Highfield is different in many ways. I did in fact write to Highfield's naval commander, but not for the reasons Kathy gives. There was in fact a series of death threats sent from Bill to various other members of the hobby, among them Kathy Byrne. I don't wish to go into any great detail here, since the affair was discussed at some length in Voice of Doom (#98, pp 2-4). I stand by what I did, and a good number of my readers have publicly agreed. It is unfortunate that some members of the hobby, including Kathy, are now trying to assign some very unflattering motives to my action, and Kathy sarcastically comments, "Boy, this man certainly does get a lot of death threats." -- the clear implication being that I fabricated the story. However, I have in my possession several death threats written by Bill Highfield.

The next of Kathy's charges is that I drove her from her position as BNC. For the record, and I'm sure we can all agree on this, Kathy did an excellent job with the numbers. But the fact of the matter is that she did call me and threaten to declare my games irregular, for reasons having nothing to do with the games. The call was made in the heat of anger, and perhaps I should have taken the threat less seriously than I did. Certainly I didn't feel then, and don't feel now, that this is any reason to replace her as BNC, especially since she never attempted to carry out the threat. I don't care who's the BNC, so long as that person does an honest and efficient job. Kathy states that "The man is doing everything in his power to ruin the BNCs, yet every statement that he has made about me and my mishandling of the numbers has yet to be proven." Well, I haven't accused Kathy of mishandling the numbers. And, although I have publicly expressed the opinion that the Boardman Numbers are not the most essential of hobby services, that's a far cry from trying to ruin them.

All right, all right, so it's my word against Kathy's as to whether the above-mentioned phone call took place. But if anyone thinks it would be totally out of character for Kathy to misuse her position as BNC, think again. In the latest issue of Everything, which is supposed to be a neutral hobby service zine (and which is paid for by your money and mine, I might add), Kathy has attacked me on the front page, accusing me of trying to disrupt the Boardman Numbers and of "pure hatred and lies." I don't think that it's fair for Kathy to use her position as BNC as a weapon against me in a feud, and therefore I feel that her comments about me in Everything were totally out of line. I'll quickly tell you a story about an event now several years old: I once threatened to use Supernova as a vehicle to express my side of the story in a feud with Caruso. I was immediately called down, and rightly so -- Supernova is a hobby service, not a forum for feuding. I withdrew the threat and nowadays would never be so crass as to repeat it. But by the same token, I object to Kathy's use of the official publication of the Boardman Number Custodian to feud with me. It isn't fair, and at the very least it illustrates her willingness to use her hobby position to gain leverage in a personal dispute.

Kathy's final charge is that I have tried to get her in trouble by making her employer pay for my phone calls. I absolutely deny this, and challenge Kathy to produce a phone bill listing the incriminating calls. If her story were true, then of course she could do this. But it isn't, and she can't.

Some other points in Kathy's letter require only passing mention. She has accused me of offering to send around one of her not-for-print letters -- but she conveniently forgot to mention that the letter was already published (with her permission) in Mark Larzelere's zine, Appalling Greed. Kathy herself has offered to send around a letter from Alex Lord which she says gives Alex's "true assessment of Bruce Linsey" -- but she forgot to mention that this letter is well over a year old, that Alex specifically requested that the letter not be made public, and that Alex's "true assessment" of me is that I'm a "good, dependable friend" (Voice of Doom #100, p. 72). Kathy says that I have been trying to drive her out of the hobby, but this is absurd -- Kathy cannot be driven out of the hobby any more than can Mark Berch, or Rod Walker...or Bruce Linsey. I personally have no interest in seeing Kathy leave the hobby, as she has been and will continue to be an asset to it in many ways. (C)

Before I close, I wish to address myself briefly to Kathy's public supporters -- the people who have been repeating her charges because of their doglike trust in Kathy's every word. Folks, you are a large part of the reason that this response had to be made public. Kathy's statements in isolation I might have been able to let slide, but the fact that her charges are being repeated and believed makes it necessary to set the record straight. I wonder if any of you gentlemen -- and I'm referring especially to Bob Olsen, Tom Hurst, and Steve Langley -- even cares about the facts enough to ask Kathy for her proof. I wonder if any of you believes deep down that I should have to live under the cloud of a sick letter to Francine that I never wrote.

Kathy and I both have a lot to contribute to this hobby, and we will both continue to do so. Kathy will be co-editing Diplomacy World with Rod Walker, and in this they both have my full support. I will be continuing my work with Supernova and conducting the Runestone Poll starting next year. How nice it would be if we could coexist. But I'm sorry -- it's my hobby too, and I'm not just going to go away because of Kathy and her phony charges. The problem in this dispute lies with Kathy Byrne's actions, not mine. There will be no peace so long as Kathy continues to spread these ugly stories about me and people believe them. This is not a rhetorical question: What would each of you do in my dilemma?

Bruce Linsey

Bruce Linsey
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Dalton, MA 01226



((Bruce, if I were in your dilemma, I would have recognized my foolish errors and immaturity and would have at least apologized to everyone who I hurt, degraded or vilified. -- although the better thing to do would have been to quit the hobby altogether. I'm going to end this here because I just don't think that you are worth a lot of my time.

I just want to say again that you should be ashamed of yourself for meddling in someone else's private life. What you did against Bill Highfield is absolutely unforgivable and you should just quietly leave the hobby with your tail between your legs.....))

At Left, Bruce Linsey goes
to WASHINGTON to ask
Pres. Reagan

"What would you do in
my dilemma?"



AUGUST 23 to 25, 1985
Host con: Dragonflight

November 15, 1984

ECTOPIA 1

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DIPCON ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE



published by the Chairman, Pete Gaughan (817-633-3208)
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This issue will be brief and late due to the complete and frankly unsurprising failure of my typewriter. Each letter must be individually spaced, and the right margin is gone.

Subscriptions to Ectopia will be on a SASE- or stamp-per-issue basis; send five 20¢ (US) stamps to get all the remaining bimonthly issues (Jan, Mar, May, Jul & Aug). Submissions on topics related to DipCon will be accepted continuously; up to half a page might be printed "as is" if it is camera-ready. ALL reader contributions should be sent to Pete first--ideas relevant to specific areas of responsibility will be forwarded from here.

Speaking of responsible, my eminent colleagues on the Committee are:

- Tournament GM Rod Walker—1273 Crest Dr, Encinitas CA 92024 (619-753-7657)
- Host Con Liason Terry Tallman--820 W Armour St, Seattle WA 98119 (206-285-4374)

Our duties are fairly easy to deduce. Rod will implement the Committee's decisions regarding scoring systems, timing, and awards; Terry will insure that Dragonflight's logistics accommodate us well; I'll try to understand and oversee all of it.

Those of you who want lots of details about Dragonflight will have to wait for January, when a real publicity campaign will begin here. For now, be aware of the dates and location--if your job needs a long advance notice for time off, here it is! Seattle U. is the site, right downtown. All con activity will take place in Campion Tower, and dorm space is right upstairs. What activity? Name it: boardgaming, miniatures, roleplaying, seminars, dealers, and other tournaments besides Dip. Terry reports that there is more open gaming than most other cons, and a common practice is for a dealer to offer a copy of a game to the winner.

Before I begin what is certain to be a long war over DipCon, a special note:

- Please carry out your discussion of DipCon topics with us, the Committee!

I realize that everybody spouts off in their own zines, but we three combined probably don't sub to even half the hobby's publications. IF WE AREN'T IN ON WHAT YOU THINK, WE CAN'T REPRESENT YOU! Send a copy to me so all three of us can consider your suggestion.

ECTOPIA

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Now, here is the status (very briefly) as I see it:

Fred Davis, in Bushwacker #157 and 158, has renewed his proposal to allow proxy (by-mail) voting on DipCon sites by the postal hobby at large, or by postal publishers and gms. Rod supports this, Terry is against it, and I'm undecided.

Several hobby members called for a secret scoring system at the last two DipCons. This has not been implemented, but we do need to decide whether the tournament should try to prevent "playing the system".

The current site rotation provides for four zones, with two eligible each year. Some would like to change this to provide fewer zones, thereby rotating the DipCon site to the East Coast more often. All three members of the Committee oppose any change in the current DipCon Charter on this score.

I do not have any information or files from Al Pearson on previous DipCons. This would include financial data. DipCon needs some firm guidelines on how to take in and spend out funds. Various proposals are floating about, but few have defined the purpose behind any DipCon surplus.

Current Financial Statement: The Committee is holding \$20 from DipCon XVI in Detroit. When Al sends along the records, a DipCon passbook account will be opened.

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ROTATION AND SITE SELECTION: Eligible for DipCon XIX in 1986 are Zones I & IV. This includes the Rocky Mountains, the Pacific Coast, Alaska and Hawaii, and the Eastern Seaboard. Strategicon of Anaheim (near L.A.) will probably bid for DipCon XIX. What I have heard from Eastern publishers indicates there will be at least two bids from Zone I.

As Chairman, I will offer this restriction (and will propose it as a formal amendment in Seattle): all site bids and amendments must be presented to the Chairman, or his appointed replacement who chairs the DipCon Society meeting, before the meeting, and with at least 25 copies. I will not have people voting on vague proposals, or proposals they have not been allowed to examine.

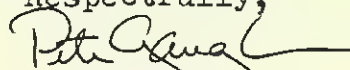
Other than this, I will try to remain neutral on the content of most proposals. It may gall me, but if I'm to run the meeting I will need to be very even-handed. I will offer my opinion, but I will abide by the decisions of the other Committee members and the hobby-at-large.

Procedural notes: any bids from Zones 2 and 3 may be offered, but votes for such bids count as half-votes. Remember that nothing precludes bids from the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C., or east of 84° W (or from Puerto Rico, for that matter).

A copy of the DipCon Society Charter, as amended through DipCon XVII, is available from the Committee Chairman for 50¢ (US stamps accepted). The deadline for submissions for Ectopia #2 is January 8, 1985.

Is there anything I've forgotten? Probably. I beg your indulgence for the certain errors of my inexperience, and don't be surprised if I try not to wade in with the big sluggers the next year. Maybe a little innocence is what this job needs.

Respectfully,


Pete Gaughan

KATHY & ROD TIE THE KNOT!
THOUSANDS STUNNED AND AMAZED!
PEEL JUMPS AT OPPORTUNITY AND FORMS POOL!!!

The Washington Area Retinue of (Tacitly) Highly Organized Gamesters presents the first annual PEEL POOL. Many of you have seen the picture of Kathy Byrne and Rod Walker embracing at Dipcon '82 on the cover of the October Erehwon. For any of you who haven't heard, not only have Rod and Kathy worked out their differences, but Kathy has become the new editor of Diplomacy World. Rod will stay on as publisher, or managing editor, or whatever. Why, if you were surprised by this development (officially consummated October 7), I'll bet you never even expected the Spanish Inquisition!

The pool is simple. At \$1.00 a chance you pick the date that Rod and Kathy break up, and whoever gets closest wins the whole pool. If, however, the partnership continues through Dipcon '85 in Seattle (and hey you two, we want to see another one of those pictures), the pool goes to hobby services and Dipdom is better off on two accounts. The postmark deadline for entry is December 7, 1984. Later entries will be accepted if no picked date has passed before I receive it. All money will be refunded if Kathy and Rod can't even make it to Pearl Harbor Day. Neither Kathy, Rod nor I can join the pool.

I know, what a concept! You are probably hitting yourself over the head this very minute wondering why you didn't think of this. Well, that's why I'm me and you're you. A few more details:

1. If Rod and Kathy break up their arrangement on an amicable basis, all money is returned. Their metal wasn't sufficiently tested.
2. You pick the hobby service for your dollar(s). I prefer services dealing with novice recruitment such as Pont., KGO, DIP or the novice package. You can pick whatever you want, though.
3. After December 7, I will send out a flyer announcing those involved and the total take. I will not print a breakdown of who's in for how much or what dates were picked. I don't want any covert operations or self-fulfilling prophecies. If you want this information or the final results directly, send me an SASE.

PEEL POOL

Please supply name, _____
address at right: _____

Termination date(s) of Byrne-Walker DW collaboration: [\$1 each.] _____

Hobby Service: _____

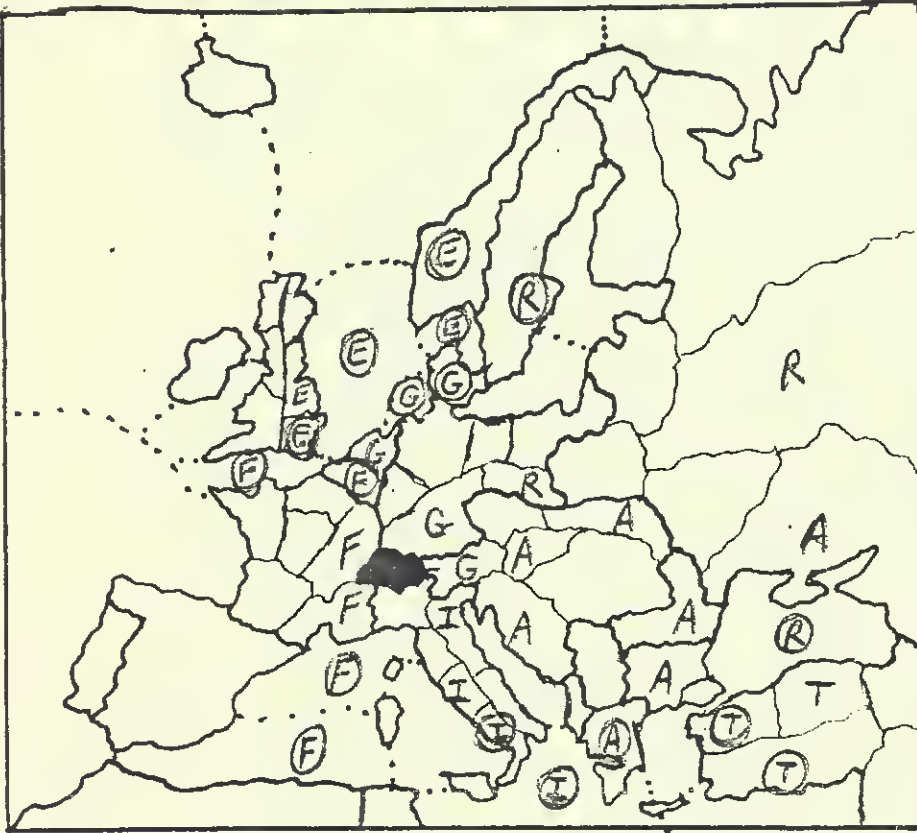
Tie breaker - guess the controversy causing the rift: [be specific.] _____

Please mail by: Dec. 7, 1984

Send to: Ken Peel; 8708 First Ave., #T-2; Silver Spring, MD 20910

Delaware

84AE W'02
S'03



Winter '02

Aus: Builds A Vie
Eng: Retreats A Bel-OTB
Builds F Lon
Fra: Builds F Bre
Tur: Removes A Bul

Spring '03 orders:

AUSTRIA (Craig): A Bud-TRI,
A GAL holds, A SEV holds, A VIE
S A Gal, A Ser-BUL, A RUM S A
Ser-Bul, F GRE S A Ser-Bul.
ENGLAND (Fleming): F LON S F Nth
F NTH S F Nwy-Ska, F Nwy-SKA,
F StP-NWY, A YOR unordered--holds
FRANCE (Givan): F Bre-ENG, F BEL
S F Bre-Eng, A BUR S F Bel,
A MAR-Pie, F LYO-Tyr, F WES-Tun.
GERMANY (Williams): A Boh-TYR,
A Ruh-MUN, A HOL S FRE F Bel,
F DEN S F Kie-Hel, F Kie-HEL.
ITALY (Swartz): F ION-Tun, F NAP
Tyr, A VEN-Pie, A Apu-ROM.
RUSSIA (Bakken): F SWE S ENG F
Nwy-Ska, F Con-BLA, A Ukr-MOS,

A War-SIL.

TURKEY (Haley): A Arm-ANK, F Eas-SMY, F Aeg-CON.

Deadline for Fall '03 orders is Wed., January 2nd

Matt Fleming has resigned from the game stating time pressures. I have asked Mark Frueh at 4729-A Morgan Ford, Apt. 6, StLouis, MO 63116 to take over as England.

Press: Fra-Eng: I think you've got yourself possessed by a slithery-dee. The Loch Ness Fleming.

London: So long, farewell, aufwiedersehen, goodbye!

R-A: Oh, yeah, I remember you! You're the guy who doesn't write very much.

Germany-Russia: I just can't make you happy, can I? Didn't you read my letter?? Now quit being so hysterical and try to hold onto the remaining dots you have until I can figure out what to do to keep you alive.

Par-Mun: OK. I gave it a shot. If he fell for it, you get a pizza New Years.

Mos-Ank: Did you take back Con? I really should apologize to you. I can play better than this but this game was a freebie for me. Good Luck.

Der Duck-Madman: Forget it, chump; Matt likes it play the people.

Russia: HELP!! Anybody!

Germany-France: Would you please pull army BUR off the damn border...say to Spain?? Damn thing's giving me nightmares. All I can think of is that damn light blue block...I'm getting a complex.

Germany-GM: You've called Rick Craig into this game?! Oh, shit!!

Uh, Rick, about that Utah stab...I've been meaning to apologize....

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Delaware press continued.....

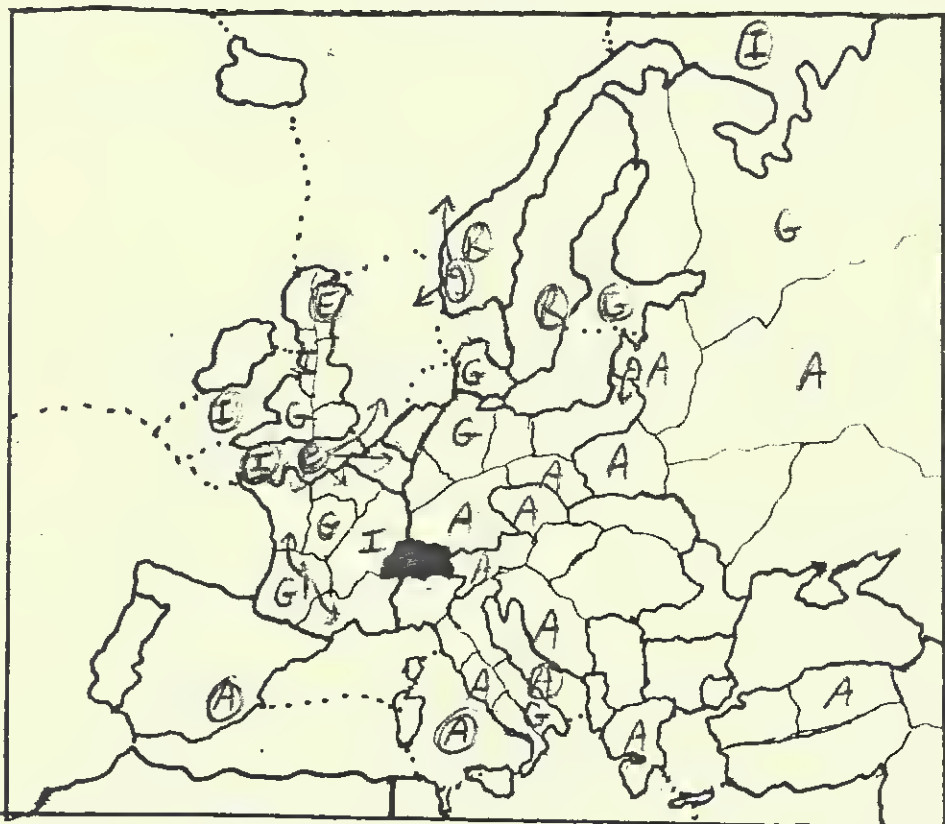
Germany-France: Yeah, I've got the inside scoop on the Russell caper. He's gone to join another famous Russell -- Jane -- in the bra modelling biz. Carl is now the Maiden form Guy...you just never know where he'll show up.

Germany-Turkey: Like Bakko said, don't take the stab personally. He'll stab anyone, anytime. Even his mother won't let him get behind her.

Germany-Italy: Swartz?! What the heck kind of Italian name is that? Now, Swartzo...That's Italian! I hope you can write better (and more) than Mills did...one letter from you would best him on both counts.

Der Duck-England: Matt, Matt, Matt...what are we going to do about you? Running around taking other people's dots is not considered tasteful. Why I'll just bet Dale is ~~squealing like a stuck pig~~ bawling his poor eyes out since you done him wrong. I'm sorry, but it looks like this is a case for Mr. Manners....

Germany-France: Need something to get you going? OK, remember Joan of Arc! Remember Agincourt! Remember the 100 years' War! Now go get him!



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W'07
S'08

Winter '07

Aus: Builds F Tri, A Bud, A Vie.

Ger: Removes F Pic, F Pru.

Rus: Retreats F Nwy-Ska,
Removes F Fin.

Spring '08 orders:

AUSTRIA (Bakken): A Mos-LVN,
A WAR S A Mos-Lvn, A Sev-MOS,

A Boh-MUN, A SIL S A Boh-Mun, A TYR S A Boh-Mun, A Vie-BOH, A Bud-TRI, F Tri-ADR, A Ven-ROM, F Rom-TYR, F Wes-SPA(sc), A Bul-GRE, A Con-ANK.

ENGLAND (Craig): F ENG-Lon--d retreat to Bre, Pic, Bel, Nth, F EDI holds.

GERMANY (Fleming): A WAL-Lon, A PAR S A Bur-Gas, A Bur-GAS, A KIE holds,
A DEN holds, F SWE S F Nth-Nwy--nsu's, F NTH-Nwy--nsu, A STP S F Nth-Nwy--nsu,
A LVN S A StP--d retreat to Pru, OTB, F NWY--unordered--d retreat to Nth,
Nwg, OTB, A APU--unordered--holds.

ITALY (Hart): F Nwg-BAR, F Mao-ENG, F IRI S F Mao-Eng, A LPL-Wal, A Mar-BUR,
A GAS S A Mar-Bur--d retreat to Bre, Mar, OTB.

RUSSIA (Larzelere): F Ska-NWY, F SWE S F Ska-Nwy.

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Deadline for Fall '08 orders is Wed., January 2nd.

Matt Fleming has resigned from the game stating time pressures. I have asked Jeff Bohner at 509 Twist Run Rd., Endwell, NY 13760 to take the German position.

By Matt's orders, it seems like he is too busy for concentration on the game. I know how hw feels about other commitments.....

The concession to Austria failed. It has also been repropsoed. Please vote with your next set of orders. Not voting is a "Yes" vote.

Press: Rom-Bud: I couldn't have done a better job myself. Well, perhaps with more flair, style and ease.

St.Louis-Madison: Dale, what makes you so certain I was cross-gaming when I took one of your centers in DELAWARE? I don't begrudge you your win, nor do I take offense at Pat's helping you. That's the way the game goes!

Bakko-GM: Am I doing this too slow? I've never won a game before so I'm a little inexperienced.

GM-Bakko: I couldn't have done better.....

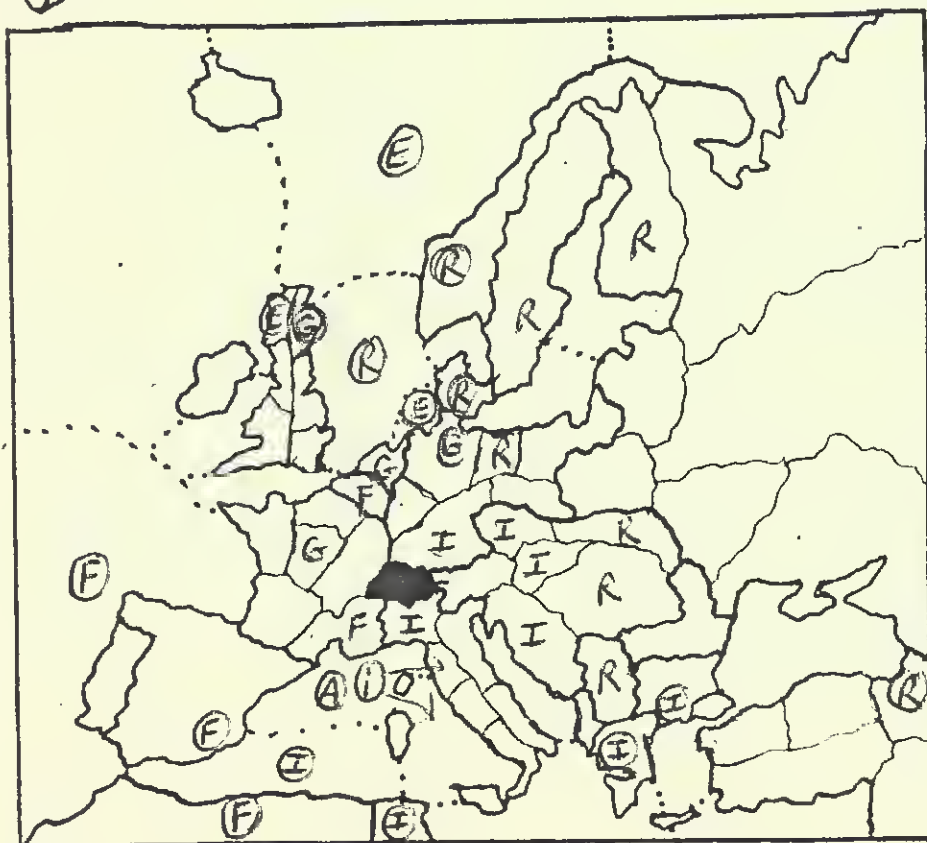
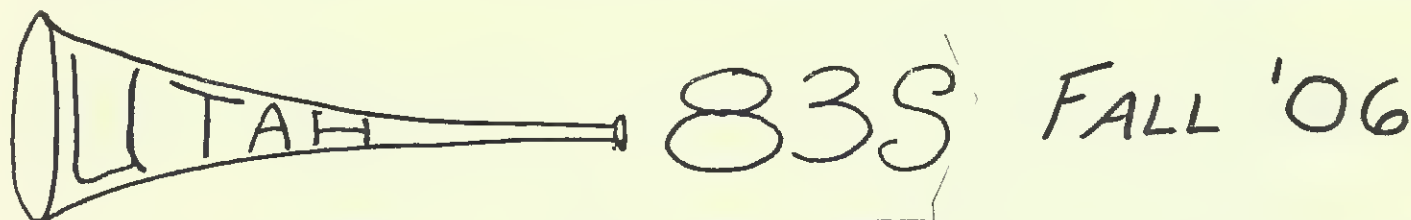
Rom-Mun: Cheer up, it's only a game. No matter how badly you played.

Berlin-World: Hey, thanks for the exciting game! You got to admit that I livened this one up a little, I mena, would you all have enjoyed this game as much had Neubauer still been here!?

GM-Berlin: The word "neubauer" has been stricken from the pages of Bersaglieri
F Nwg-A StPete: Liberation is at hand!

Nap=Edi: A barbeque? Great idea! I'll bring the gizzards.

Italy-World: The end is here/near.



Summer '06

Ger: Retreats A Kie-Hol.

Fall '06 orders:

AUSTRIA (Hart): F Wes-LYO.

ENGLAND (Byrne): F Nao-NWG,

F Lpl-CLY, F Nth-HEL.

FRANCE (Christie): A BEL-Ruh,

A MAR S F Spa(sc), F SPA(sc)

S AUS F Wes-Lyo, F Mao-NAF,

F Eng-MAO.

GERMANY (Craig): F EDI S ENG F

Nao-Nwg, F Den-KIE, A HOL S F

Den-Kie, A Bur-PAR.

ITALY (Arnawoodian): A PIE-Mar,

F Tyr-WES, F TUN S F Tyr-Wes,

F LYO S F Tyr-Wes--d retreats

to Tus, Tyr, OTB, A VIE S A

Tri, A TRI holds, F BUL(sc)-

Rum--imp, F GRE holds, A PIC-

Par--nsu, A MUN-Ruh, A BOH-Mun

RUSSIA (Williams): F Nwg-NTH,

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Rus orders continued....

F Bar-NWY, F Bal-DEN, F ARM shoots most of Woody's ancestors--holds,
A SER SA Bud, A BUD S A War-Gal, A War-GAL, A Pru-BER, A BER S F Bal-Den--nsu
A SWE S F Bal-Den, A Nwy-FIN, A KIE unordered--holds--~~ANNULATED~~.

Deadline for Winter '06 builds and Spring '07 orders is Wed., January 2nd.
There has been a proposal for an I/R draw. Please vote with your next set
of orders. Not voting is a "Yes" vote.

There have also been proposals for an R/I/F/E/G draw and for an R/I/F/E draw.
Please also vote for these. Again, not voting is a "Yes" vote. The
smallest draw will win..

Press: Russia-Tom: "Italo-Russians consolidate as the west prepares a
last-ditch defence..."? What is the meaning of this, GMski? Giving ideas
to the Western triple!?? Hey, Woody, you got any ombudsman you haven't
called in a while? I think we've got a case of "unethical GMing on our
hands!" I mean, citing the obvious is one thing, but to the western
clowns that have been running things up until now, suggesting they defend
themselves is giving away state secrets! Defend yourself, Mainardi!

Tom-Russia: I swear, you have absolutely no morals or scruples!! Didn't
your parents and schools ever teach you that you're supposed to HELP the
HANDICAPPED! You may not know it, but certainly your Woodybuddy knows that
Kathy is a handicapped baglady from Manhattan. She even has a handicapped
licence plate on her shopping cart! Think before you speak next time!

Paris-StPete: I moved the way you wanted me to. Where are the moves I
expected from you?

Austria-GM: I draw the line at playing with bagladies. I'm leaving!

Eng-GM: If you must call me as a standby, the least you could do is supply
me with names and addresses of other players! For the fifth time --
who is Craig?

GM-Eng: Craig is Germany!

Russia-England: Dear Kathy, please roll over and play dead immediately, or
you will never see the stupid Duck alive...a crazed hostage taker. (P.S. -
Rolling over and playing dead shouldn't be that tough for you - I hear
John likes it that way - But if you do need pointers, watch Austria.)

Paris-London: I sure hope you can hold in the North. The South looks close,
and the middle looks impossible.

Austria-Eng & Fra: 'Tis a far far better thing I do....(anything to get
out of here!)

Byrne-Woody: You can bet your bottom dollar that there will be no draws
until I'm wiped out. Me and my buddy, Howard are fighting 'til our last
unit is gone!

Russia-Austria: Thanks for the memories...oh yeah, and the dots. Sayonara,
sweet Hart. (or did Woody, that rascal, give you Spain?)

Paris-Germany: Let's try and beat back the R/I alliance.

Austria-Rus & Ita: I seem to have a pressing engagement, so I won't be
around for a while. Miss me?

Eng-Austria: Why is it -- everytime we meet you only have one unit and lots
of press!

Paris-Rome: Death to Italy!!!

Russia-Italy: Sorry about the move to Galicia, friend, but I believe in
Mutually Assumed Dots. (M.A.D.)

Baglady-GM: Thank you for calling Mr. Craig as a standby in Delaware --
I now have his address. Do you always GM like Robert Sacks?!

GM-Baglady: I'll have you know that as I'm typing this, a large 18x36
glossy of Robert is staring down at me from the wall!!

press continued.....

Utah press continued....

Russia-France: How long 'til I bury my knife? Depends on how long it takes me to reach Paris, mon ami.

Paris-Austrian Fleet: I hope that sets Italy back a turn or two.

Williams-Christie: Really now, do you honestly think my good friend and trusted ally, Woody, would fall for that old trick? Why, Woody is an odd pro, he's a veteran and full of Dip savvy; he'd never fall for that old green horn ploy. Heh, heh, why right now I'll just bet he's laughing at you and...uh...Woody? Woody, just what the hell are you doing?

Russia-GM & Eng: Hopeless position? Hah! Try being Russia to Woody's Italy...now that's hopeless!

Utah Supply Center Chart for 1906

Aus: ~~Tun~~: 0 centers -- OUT!!!

Eng: Lon, Lpl, ~~Bel~~: 2 centers. Has 3 units: Remove 1.

Fra: Bre, Mar, ~~Par~~, Por, Spa, BEL: 5 centers. Has 5 units: Even.

Ger: Kie, Hol, ~~Den~~, Edi, PAR: 4 centers. Has 4 units: Even.

Ita: Home, Tri, Vie, Con, Smy, Gre, Bul, Mun, TUN: 11 centers. Has 10 units: Build 1.

Rus: Home, Rum, Swe, Bud, Ank, Ser, Nwy, Ber, DEN: 12 centers. Has 10 units: Build 2.



"All I'm saying is, from a distance
it looked like a star..."



"I wish you would have come to us sooner, lady."

BORSA di UTAH

	AK	£	F	DM	L	R
AA	-120	-500	-500	-500	+1771	-500
FMA			-500	-500	+1100	-500
MMK			-499	-499	+1110	-500
SSSInc	-500	-500			-500	
TLC		-500	-460		+730	-300
<u>totals</u>	<u>-620</u>	<u>-1500</u>	<u>-1959</u>	<u>-1499</u>	<u>+4211</u>	<u>-1800</u>
PMP	.29	1.47	1.22	.99	2.38	3.08
change	-.06	-.15	-.19	-.14	+.42	-.18
difference	.23	1.32	1.03	.85	2.80	2.90
SC effect	OUT!	-.01	0	0	+.01	+.01
CMP	0	1.31	1.03	.85	2.81	2.91

EBSLC Holdings Report for Fall '06

\$	AK	£	F	DM	L	R
AA	0	1390	1028	1236	3846	5230
FMA	0	0	660	160	4900	3919
MMK	0	0	2888	1003	2713	2544
SSSInc	2071.16	502	967	0	1865	5098
TLC	483.22	0	540	0	3586	5537

Deadline for next season's orders is Wed., January 2nd.

Press: MMK-Boursers: What this bourse needs is E/F/G to stop R/I -- or have Woody act normal -- screw up big -- jump Williams.

UTAH BOURSE ORDER SHEET

Season S'07

SELL

	amt.	value
Aus Kroner	x	x
Eng Pounds	x	1.31 =
Fre Francs	x	1.03 =
Ger Marks	x	.85 =
Ita Lire	x	2.81 =
Rus Rubles	x	2.91 =
Tur Piastres	x	x
<u>Total</u>	=	=

BUY

	amt.	value
Aus Kroner	x	x
Eng Pounds	x	1.31 =
Fre Francs	x	1.03 =
Ger Marks	x	.85 =
Ita Lire	x	2.81 =
Rus Rubles	x	2.91 =
Tur Piastres	x	x
<u>Total</u>	=	=

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Last Season's \$ Treasury _____
 \$ Gained from sales _____
 Total _____
 \$ spent on buys _____
 New \$ Treasury Total = _____
 New players can start at any time with
 1000 in each active currency and \$500.

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